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Re: Application of Osamu NOMURA, Masamichi TAKAI, Masaru KURISAKI,
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 CASTING NOZZLE
Assignee: SHINAGAWA REFRactories CO., LTD.
 Our Ref: Q86054

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- an English translation of the International Application.
- fifteen (15) sheets of drawings (figs 1-14D).
- a Preliminary Amendment.
- Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- a International Search Report, Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO/SB/O8 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references
- it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1000.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

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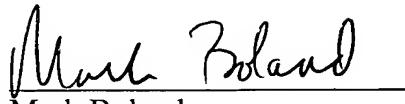
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Sir:

Submitted herewith please find fifteen (15) sheets (Figures 1-14) of replacement drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these drawings.

The submitted drawings are intended to replace the drawings previously submitted on January 31, 2005.

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